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**CITY OF SAN DIEGO RECEIVES \$25,000 GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL  
ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS FOR THE CONSERVATION OF A PUBLIC ARTWORK**

**San Diego, CA**— The City of San Diego through the Commission for Arts and Culture (Commission) was awarded a \$25,000 matching grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The grant, provided through the NEA's Access to Artistic Excellence program, is to support the conservation of a local City-owned mural titled *Journey to Aztlán*. Created by contemporary Mexican American artists Einar and Jamex de la Torre, the mural is located on the north and south retaining walls along Harbor Drive in front of the Convention Center in downtown San Diego.

"The City is grateful for the support from the NEA," said Victoria L. Hamilton, Executive Director of the Commission. "By conserving *Journey to Aztlán*, the City continues to fulfill its mission to enhance the urban environment with public art for San Diegans and tourists alike, to ensure the preservation of a public artwork that celebrates the artistic and visual relationship between San Diego and Baja California, Mexico and to increase awareness of the City's public art collection and the art conservation process which is crucial to the survival of public art."

The NEA is a public agency dedicated to supporting excellence in the arts, both new and established; bringing the arts to all Americans; and providing leadership in arts education. Further information about the NEA can be accessed at: [www.neag.gov](http://www.neag.gov)

The Commission vitalizes the San Diego community by supporting the region's cultural assets, integrating arts and culture into community life and showcasing San Diego as an international tourist destination. Further information about the Commission can be accessed at: [www.sandiego.gov/arts-culture](http://www.sandiego.gov/arts-culture)

This project is supported in part by an award from the NEA, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.



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